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### **1- Egypt Launches Suez Canal Expansion:**

On 6 August, 2015, Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El Sisi presided over inaugural ceremonies for the expanded Suez Canal, an \$8.6 billion project financed entirely by the Egyptian people and completed two years ahead of schedule. Heads of state and foreign dignitaries from around the world, including French President Francois Hollande, King Abdullah of Jordan, Swiss Vice President Johann Schneider-Ammann and UK Defense Secretary Michael Fallon, were on hand to celebrate the grand opening of the new 45-mile channel and deepening of the old waterway. [Read more...](#)



## **2- Congressman Issa participates in the Suez Canal Inauguration:**

Congressman Darell Issa (R/ Cal.) Visited Cairo and Ismailia on the 6th of August 2015 to participate in the inauguration ceremony of the New Suez Canal. Issa led a congressional delegation which participated in that historical event alongside Mr. Robert Beecroft , U.S Ambassador in Egypt.



## **3- Embassy Hosts Reception to Present Suez Canal Expansion, SCZone Details:**

On Wednesday, 19 August, the Embassy of Egypt hosted a reception to present details of the Suez Canal expansion, which was officially inaugurated on 6 August, and the adjacent Suez Canal Zone (SCZone) industrial development corridor. Attended by D.C. area business leaders and other interested parties, [Read more...](#)



## **4- Egypt-U.S. Hold Successful Strategic Dialogue:**

On 2nd August, Egypt and the United States conducted the first Strategic Dialogue between the two countries since 2009. During these important talks, held in Cairo, the two sides discussed ways to continue and enhance the Egypt-U.S. relationship, focusing on the key areas of diplomatic, security and economic cooperation.

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## **5- President El Sisi's Eid al-Fatr message to Egyptian Community abroad:**

President Abdel Fattah El Sisi sent a warm wishes to Egyptians community abroad On the occasion of Eid al-Fatr. [Read more...](#)

## **6- The National Day Celebration:**

On Thursday, 23 July, the Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt hosted an event celebrating National Day. Adorned with our national flag, the event brought together Egyptian, American and other international friends of Egypt to remember and celebrate the momentous anniversary. [Read more...](#)



## **7- Egypt: Honouring the Legacy of the Alexandria Library:**

I published an op-ed in Minnesota's largest newspaper, the Star Tribune, discussing the heritage of the Library of Alexandria and how Egypt's current economic and political transformation is inspired, in part, by its legacy of human progress and intellectual creativity. [Read more...](#)



### **8- Ambassador Tawfik welcomed a group of students from the University of Maryland:**

On Friday July 31st, 2015 I welcomed a group of students from the University of Maryland studying Arabic language and culture as part of the University's summer program.

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### **9- The Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs urges Egyptian citizens abroad to apply for new electronic passports:**

Upon the instruction of International Civil Aviation Organization regarding expiration of manually issued passports in all international airports on November 24, 2015, the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs urges all Egyptian citizens abroad who don't have electronic passports to apply for them before this date. This will avoid any obstacles in travelling abroad or returning to Egypt.